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- ☒ Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ Six (6) sheets of drawings  
☒ An Assignment of the Invention to Victor Company of Japan, Ltd.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application  
☒ A Nonpublication Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213  
☒ A certified copy of the priority application (JP No. 2003-012544)

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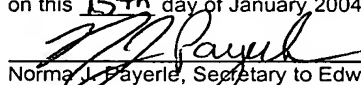
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Specification, Claims and Abstract (27 pages)

Drawings (6 sheets)

Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate)

Declaration and Power of Attorney

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Assignment

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